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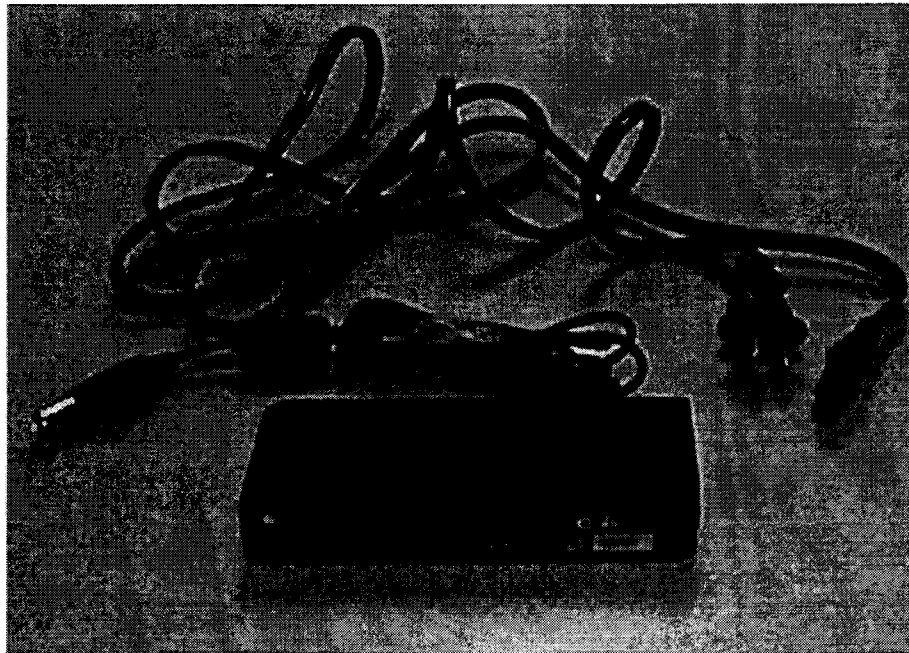
TO: All Center Employees

FROM: 429/Head, Office of Safety and Facility Assurance, OSMA

SUBJECT: Recall of AC Adapter for Apple Macintosh Powerbook Laptops

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Apple is voluntarily recalling approximately 570,000 AC adapters worldwide that were sold with prior generation PowerBook G3s. Apple has received six reports of these adapters overheating, which poses a fire hazard. No injuries have been reported.


The recall includes only AC adapters with a two-pin connector that came with Apple Macintosh PowerBooks or that were sold separately. The small rectangular black AC adapter box has a permanently attached cord on one end that connects to the computer and a detachable two-prong cord on the other end to plug into an AC outlet. It is approximately 4.75 inches long by 2 inches wide. The label located on the side of the adapter reads in part, "Macintosh PowerBook 45W AC Adapter" and "Model Number: M4402." No Titanium PowerBook G4 or iBook power adapters are part of this recall.



(This Safety Alert to be posted on Facility Bulletin Boards for a Minimum of 30 days.)

Electronic and computer stores worldwide and Apple's web site sold these AC adapters with Powerbook G3s from May 1998 through March 2000. They were also sold separately.

Consumers should stop using these AC adapters and contact Apple to receive a free replacement. For more information, contact Apple at (866) 277-2096 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. CT Sunday through Saturday, or go to their web site at www.apple.com/adapterexchange/. Not all Model 4402 AC adapters are on the recall list. Individuals possessing a Powerbook should log onto the Apple web site and when prompted, enter the serial number of the Powerbook to determine if the AC adapter is on the recall list.


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